

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please consider the following claims.

1. **(Previously Presented)** A method for removing water from surfaces of substrata, comprising the steps of covering said surface with a composition having a specific weight higher than that of the water and subsequently removing water from the composition by skimming, wherein a composition essentially consisting of the following components is used:

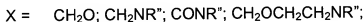
A) a non ionic additive having a fluoropolyether structure with a fluorinated T end group containing one chlorine atom, having the following formula:



wherein



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with R'' = H; C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl,

T is a fluorinated radical selected from ClCF<sub>2</sub>CF(CF<sub>3</sub>)-, CF<sub>3</sub>CFCICF<sub>2</sub>-, ClCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>-, ClCF<sub>2</sub>-,

Y = CF<sub>3</sub> or F,

- R<sub>f</sub> is a perfluoropolyether or fluoropolyether radical;
- the number average molecular weight of the fluoroether part T-OR<sub>f</sub>- is in the range 400 - 2,000,

- a ratio by weight (K) between the fluorinated part and an L part of the additive is in the range 1.50 - 4.00; n in formula (Ia) is such as the ratio (K) is in the range 1.50 - 4.00;

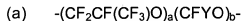
B) a perfluoropolyether having number average molecular weight in the range 300 - 900, provided that a ratio ( $K'$ ) between the number average molecular weight of the fluoropolyether part T-OR<sub>F</sub> of the additive A) and the number average molecular weight of component B) is higher than 1.60.

2. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the number average molecular weight of the fluoroether part T-OR<sub>F</sub> of the compounds of formula (I) component A) is in the range 500 - 1,200.

3. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolyether component B) has number average molecular weight in the range of 300-650.

4. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the radical R<sub>F</sub> comprises repeating units statistically distributed along the polymer chain selected from: 1) (CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>O), 2) (CFYO) wherein Y is equal to F or CF<sub>3</sub>, 3) (C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O); 4) (CF<sub>2</sub>(CF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>z</sub>O) wherein z is an integer equal to 2 or 3; 5) (CF<sub>2</sub>CF(OR<sub>F</sub>)O) or (CF(OR<sub>F</sub>)O) wherein R<sub>F</sub> is equal to -CF<sub>3</sub>, -C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>5</sub>, -C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>7</sub>; 6) CR<sub>4</sub>R<sub>5</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>O wherein R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are equal to or different from each other and selected between Cl or perfluoroalkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.

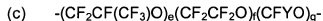
5. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 4, wherein the group  $R_f$  comprises the following repeating units:



wherein Y is F or  $CF_3$ ; a and b are integers such that the molecular weight of  $T-OR_f$  is in the range 400 - 2,000; a/b is in the range 10 - 100;



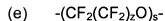
wherein c, d and h are integers such that the molecular weight of  $T-OR_f$  is within the range 400-2,000; c/d is in the range 0.1 - 10;  $h/(c+d)$  is in the range 0 - 0.5,  $z = 2$  or 3, h can be equal to 0;



wherein Y is F or  $CF_3$ ; e, f, g are integers such that the molecular weight of  $T-OR_f$  is within the range 400 - 2,000;  $e/(f+g)$  is in the range 0.1 - 10, f/g is in the range 2 - 10;



wherein:  $R_f$  is  $-CF_3$ ,  $-C_2C_5$ ,  $-C_3F_7$ ; j, k, l are integers such that the molecular weight of  $T-OR_f$  is within the range 400 - 2,000;  $k+l$  and  $j+k+l$  are at least equal to 2,  $k/(j+l)$  is in the range 0.01 - 1,000,  $l/j$  is in the range 0.01 - 100;



wherein s is an integer such as to give the molecular weight of  $T-OR_f$  in the range 400 - 2,000,  $z = 2$  or 3;



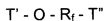
wherein  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are equal to or different from each other and selected from H, Cl or perfluoroalkyl, having 1-4 carbon atoms,  $j'$  being an integer such that the molecular weight of  $T-OR_i$  is in the range 400 - 2,000;



$j$  being an integer such to give the molecular weight of  $T-OR_i$  in the range 400 - 2,000.

6. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the value  $K^1$  is higher than 2.00.

7. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolyether component B) has the following structure:

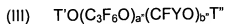


wherein:

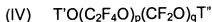
$R_f$  is the perfluoropolyether radical according to claim 1;

$T'$  and  $T''$ , equal to or different, are selected from  $-CF_3$ ,  $-C_2F_5$ ,  $-C_3F_7$ .

8. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 7, wherein the perfluoropolyether component B) has a structure selected from the following:



wherein  $Y = F$  or  $CF_3$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are integers such that the molecular weight of B) is within the range 300 - 900 with  $a/b$  in the range 1-40;  $T'$  and  $T''$  are as above defined.



wherein p and q are integers such that the molecular weight of B) is within the [indicated] range 300 - 900 with p/q in the range 0.6 - 1.2; T' and T'' are as above defined.

(V)  $T'O(C_3F_6O)_sT''$

wherein s' is an integer such that the molecular weight of B) is within the range 300 - 900; T'' and T''' are as above defined.

**9. (Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the amount of additive A) in the compositions is lower than or equal to 0.1% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

**10. (Previously Presented)** A composition consisting essentially of component A) and component B) according to claim 1.

**11. (Canceled)**

**12. (Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 2, wherein the number average molecular weight of the fluoroether part T-OR<sub>F</sub>- of the compounds of formula (I) component A) is in the range 600 - 1,000.

**13. (Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 6, wherein the value K<sup>1</sup> is in the range 2.00-3.00.

**14. (Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 9, wherein the amount of additive A) in the compositions is lower than 0.05% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.